

NEWS.

M. J. ISTVANFFY has been appointed Professor of Botany at the University of Koloszar.

PROFESSOR E. ZACHARIAS has been appointed director of the botanical garden at Hamburg.

DR. EDUARD STRASBURGER has been elected a foreign member of the National Academy of Sciences.

M. O. MATTIROLO, of Bologne, has been appointed Professor of Botany and Director of the botanical gardens at Florence.

DR. R. A. HARPER, of Lake Forest University, has been appointed Professor of Botany at the University of Wisconsin, to succeed Dr. Charles R. Barnes.

DR. THOMAS W. KIRK, late chief conservator of the forests in New Zealand, and long a most indefatigable investigator of the flora of that island, is dead.

A RICH MERCHANT of Stockholm, M. F. Kempe, has given to the university about \$40,000 to found a chair of "biological botany," to be occupied by Dr. A. Lundström.

PROFESSOR D. W. PENHALLOW has published as a reprint from the *Trans. Roy. Soc. Can.* an interesting "Review of Canadian Botany," extending from 1800 to 1895. The bibliography contains 470 titles.

DR. GINTL, of Prag, Bohemia, intends establishing a botanical exchange bureau in the autumn. Lichens, Hepaticæ, Musci, and Pteridophyta of Europe, and Spermatophyta of central Europe, will be offered.

DR. A. J. EWART, 33 Berkeley st., Liverpool, England, who has undertaken to translate Pfeffer's *Physiologie* into English, desires authors to send him a copy of their works that the literature may be cited to date.

M. EUGÈNE AUTRAN has published (*Bull Herb. Boiss.* 6: 81-84. 1898) an interesting sketch of the botanical career of Nicolas Alboff, who at the time of his recent death was botanist for the Museum de la Plata, Argentine Republic. Alboff was practically the only botanist who had a personal acquaintance with the trans-Caucasian region of his native country, while his *Prodromus florae Colchicae* was the fruit of extended travel and collection [1898]

in Central Asia. He went from the Boissier Herbarium to South America in 1895, bound then upon a year of botanical exploration of Tierra del Fuego.

PROFESSOR W. W. BAILEY has succeeded in raising among his friends the sum of \$1029 for the use of his department, with much more promised. The money was accompanied by messages appreciative of his long and faithful service.

DR. FRITZ NOLL, of the University of Bonn, on April 1 was appointed *etats-mässigen Professor* of Botany at the Royal Academy of Agriculture at Popplesdorf, to succeed Professor Dr. F. Körnicke, who has been nominated as privy councillor and retires from active service, but retains the direction of the economic section of the garden of the Academy. Dr. Noll retains his position in the University of Bonn.

THE COMING MEETING of the A. A. A. S. at Boston promises to be one of the most notable in the history of the association. It is the fiftieth anniversary, and special efforts are being made to arrange a worthy celebration. The local committees have been appointed, and the week selected is August 22 to 27. The local secretary is Professor H. W. Tyler, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The usual number of affiliated societies will meet at the same time, among them the Botanical Society of America. The meetings will be held in the rooms of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and of the Boston Society of Natural History, in three closely adjoining buildings.